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1. The Soviet Zone five-year plan (1951 - 1955) includes plans for the reconstruction of the second track on the following two lines of the Cottbus railroad district: The Senftenberg (N 53/Z 75) - Luebbenau (N 52/A 28) - Berlin (N 53/Z 75) line in 1951, * and the Falkenberg (N 52/E 04) - Guben (O 52/A 79) line in 1953/54. **

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* [] Comment. The work planned on the second track on the Koenigs Wusterhausen-Luebbenau line was previously reported.

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The Luebbenau-Senftenberg section was reported for the first time. The information appears credible in view of the importance of the Lusatian brown coal and industrial area.

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** [] Comment. This is reported for the first time. The project seems to be part of a plan for reconstruction of the second track on the very important East-West connection from Guben to Leipzig via Cottbus, Calau, Falkenberg and Torgau. The shortage of rails, which is known, will be the greatest obstacle to the realization of this plan, which may also have been conceived for military considerations.

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